

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (new) An arrangement for transmitting energy and information via ultrasound, the arrangement comprising:

a base device;

a functional article;

an electronic information carrier and being arranged on or in the functional article;

the base device and the information carrier comprise ultrasonic transmitting and receiving units, wherein the base device includes an acoustic transmitting unit which is formed such as to provide a temporary contact with the functional article, and wherein the information carrier contains information in form of marking and/or codes, characteristic of the functional article, and wherein the functional article is a piece of jewelry.

17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein the information stored in the information carrier is characteristic of the piece of jewelry.

18. (new) An arrangement for transmitting energy and information via ultrasound, the arrangement comprising:

a base device;

a functional article;

an electronic information carrier being arranged on or in the functional article;

the base device and the information carrier comprise ultrasonic transmitting and receiving units, wherein the base device includes an acoustic transmitting unit which is formed such as to provide a temporary contact with the functional article, and wherein the information carrier contains information in form of marking and/or codes, characteristic of the functional article, and wherein the functional article is a chip card.

19. (new) The method according to claim 18, wherein the information stored in the information carrier characteristic of the chip card.

20. (new) An arrangement for transmitting energy and information via ultrasound, the arrangement comprising:

- a base device;

- a functional article;

- an electronic information carrier being arranged in a vehicle;

the base device and the information carrier comprise ultrasonic transmitting and receiving units, wherein the base device includes an acoustic transmitting unit which is formed such as to provide a temporary contact with the functional article, and wherein the information carrier contains information in form of marking and/or codes, characteristic of the functional article, and wherein the functional article is a vehicle part.

21. (new) The method according to claim 20, wherein the information stored in the information carrier characteristic of the vehicle part.

22. (new) A method for transmitting energy and information via ultrasound between a base device and an electronic information carrier containing stored information and being fixed to a functional article with an acoustical coupling, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing ultrasonic transmitting and receiving units in the base device and in the information carrier;

- temporarily contacting the base device to the functional article via contact areas, so that ultrasonic transmission is provided between the base device and the functional article and whereby an ultrasonic field is created in the functional article, which provides energy to switch on the information carrier for providing an operating state;

- causing ultrasonic information transmission between the information carrier and the base device, and wherein the functional article operates as one of a piece of jewelry, a chip card and a vehicle part.